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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC VISA FOR NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY
RAGTIME BAND ESCORT

REF: STATE 132738

1. IN RESPONSE TO CONSOFF'S REPRESENTATION MAY 24, MFA
CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION FIRST SECRETARY L. V. SKRYABIN
APPEARED TO TAKE DIM VIEW OF OUR REQUEST THAT RICHARD
E. BAKER, ESCORT OFFICER FOR NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY
RAGTIME BAND, BE AUTHORIZED DIPLOMATIC VISA. SKRYABIN
TOOK POSITION THAT SINCE IN THE PAST, OFFICIAL TOUR
ESCORTS AND INTERPRETERS WITH CULTURAL EXCHANGES DID
NOT RECEIVE DIPLOMATIC VISAS, HE WAS AT A LOSS TO UNDER-
STAND WHY BAKER SHOULD MERIT ONE.

2. CONSOFF EXPLAINED THAT BAKER IS A STATE DEPARTMENT
OFFICER WHO BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS PRACTICE SHOULD RECEIVE
ONE. CONSOFF EXPRESSED DEPARTMENT'S DEEP CONCERN ABOUT
SPEEDY ISSUANCE OF DIPLOMATIC VISA TO BAKER. SKRYABIN
REPLIED NON-COMMITALLY THAT HE WOULD LOOK FURTHER INTO
MATTER AND WOULD INFORM EMBASSY OF HIS FINDINGS. MATLOCK

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